

# RABIES HITS EPIDEMIC STAGE

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**FREAK ACCIDENT . . .** In an unusual accident Sunday afternoon, the plane at right unaccountably soared into the air as the pilot was taxiing along on the Torrance Municipal airport. A short distance away the plane crashed onto the top of the plane at left. Vladimir

—Press Photo by Ross Sclarrotta  
Algin, 35, of Downey, pilot of the first plane was taken to Harbor General hospital with infernal injuries, concussion, and multiple lacerations. No other individuals were involved. Both planes were extensively damaged.

### 'THE KING AND I' . . .

## Torrance Adventurer Entertained by Royalty

With only \$80 in his pocket and a one-way ticket, Joseph B. Mahony, 4319 W. 177th st., Torrance, an employe of the El Segundo Division of the Douglas Aircraft Company, fulfilled a life-long ambition to travel leisurely through Europe last year.

And, with rare luck, he was introduced to Rainier III, Prince Sovereign of Monaco situated on the French Riviera, who invited him to join him on board his 150 foot yacht for a 7000 mile cruise and later to be his palace guest.

During his tour of England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France he stayed at private homes, third class hotels, youth hostels, and even slept in railroad stations and once in an Italian sightseeing bus.

"I had one other source of income," Mahony says. "Ray Kelly, back at Douglas, sent me my vacation check. I kept my expenses to the barest minimum by traveling third class rail, buses, motorcycles, hitch-hiking and much walking."

**Introduced to Royalty**  
At Monte Carlo he met an American priest, Father Tucker, who was the private chaplain of the Prince of Monaco. The priest introduced Mahony to the Prince, who immediately took a liking to the American and invited him on a cruise of Tangier, the Canary Islands, Conakry, Dakar in French West Africa, and back along the North African Coast.

"We made extensive tours of all the ports as guests of local

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## This Edition Breaks All Records . . .

The publishers of the Torrance Press announce that this issue carries the greatest volume of Torrance advertising ever carried by any newspaper in the city of Torrance.

The publishers wish to thank our readers and advertisers who have made this tremendous edition possible.

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## Blood Rushed To Wife

A one-man mercy mission began here early yesterday morning when Lt. Cmdr. John Ingersoll of Torrance picked up three pints of the rarest blood type at the Los Angeles Red Cross blood center and raced to the San Diego Naval hospital, where his wife is being prepared for a lung operation this afternoon.

When it was discovered that the hospital had only two pints of type A-2-B Negative on hand and the San Diego blood bank could not supply the additional three pints required for the operation, an appeal was made to Red Cross by Douglas Aircraft company, El Segundo division, where Ingersoll is employed as a service engineer.

Ingersoll delivered the blood to his 42-year-old wife's side at 11:30 a.m.

Red Cross disclosed that type A-2-B Negative occurs in only one out of every 400 persons, and "starting from scratch" more than 1200 persons ordinarily would have to be screened to obtain the three pints.

"But with more than 500 in (Turn to Page 19)

## Editorial NOW OR NEVER

A public hearing on a proposed compulsory rabies vaccination ordinance for dogs has been set officially for Tuesday night, July 12, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, corner Cravens ave. and El Prado.

Two weeks later, July 26, the Council proposes to vote either for or against such an ordinance based on the results of the public hearing.

Now is the time for individuals and groups to make an all-out, final effort to inform the City Council that a rabies law is urgently desired and needed.

The only way to assure passage of such an ordinance is to have as many individuals and groups submit letters and resolutions and have as many people show up to speak on behalf of the measure at the public hearing as possible.

We have good grounds to believe that the overwhelming number of Torrance residents are wholeheartedly in favor of such a law.

But we also know that an insignificantly small, but loud and fanatic minority is now organizing to oppose this measure, just as they did in Los Angeles last year.

Unfortunately, the Los Angeles City Council let itself be cowed into silence by this hysterical handful.

Every age and every place has had its superstitious and uninformed regiments who have seen in every cultural, scientific, and medical advancement, plots to enslave humanity, rather than blessings which would free mankind.

We feel that Torrance councilmen will be guided by reason and common sense. But they must have the assurance that they are acting according to the wishes of the majority of Torrance residents.

That is why it is so important to have every individual and every organization make their position clear both by writing to the Council and then appearing for the hearing.

It's of utmost importance that you do both.

### BUILDING PERMITS

## Torrance Fourth in Southern California

Torrance building activities figure in fourth place among 65 incorporated cities in Southern California for the first five months of 1955 and in sixth place for the month of May.

These standings were revealed in a study made by the Research Department of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Torrance's building total through May was \$18,727,402. The building total for May alone was \$4,651,259.

Torrance building activities for the first five months of this year were only exceeded by Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Diego.

The following cities came in ahead of Torrance for the month of May: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Anaheim, Fullerton, and San Diego.

A partial table follows:

City	May, '55	5 mos. '55
Lakewood	\$ 2,471,470	\$ 8,149,460
Long Beach	6,865,975	33,033,040
Los Angeles	35,948,451	175,751,748
Pasadena	2,188,843	8,170,076
Pomona	2,994,107	8,828,828
TORRANCE	4,651,259	18,727,402
West Covina	4,573,980	8,851,928
Anaheim	9,008,660	17,091,072
Fullerton	9,794,918	23,817,908
Fresno	4,395,351	14,479,638
San Bernardino	1,798,287	8,160,180
San Diego	6,535,232	35,908,947

Torrance's 1954 building activity, in comparison, was \$2,462,187 for May and \$14,121,165 for the first five months.

## Vandals Break Into Ball Park

The Little League ball park in North Torrance has been broken into a number of times, with 20 pounds of hot dogs and a number of buns being stolen the last time which was Monday, according to Torrance police.

## Free Bus Rides During Bargain Days

Free bus rides into town are being offered by Torrance merchants this weekend, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, as local stores hold their first bargain-packed sales this year.

Coupons will bring shoppers into town free of charge from any stop in the 15-cent zone. The first coupon need not be validated. The second coupon will be good for a free ride home when validated by one of the cooperating merchants.

These three Bargain Days promise to be a buyer's paradise. Merchants have been slashing their prices in reckless abandon in order to offer residents within the greater Torrance shopping area quality bargains which will make everyone's head spin for many a day.

In addition to the regular store hours, stores will also be open Friday night until 9 p.m.

## Clean-Up Drive Set For Lomita

Plans for a community clean-up campaign sponsored by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce are presently nearing completion.

Purpose of the campaign is to clear up ten feet from the edges of the road to the property lines along a number of streets for the safety of children walking to and from school.

At present, children are often forced to walk along the road because there are no sidewalks to walk on, according to Tim McCormick, president of the Lomita Chamber.

All service clubs in Lomita have been asked to cooperate. On a week-end, the date of which is still to be announced, service club clean-up crews will go to work beautifying the community and making the streets safe for children.

Property owners have already been contacted and asked to do this work on their property wherever possible, McCormick stated.

## Tax Cut Considered

A three-cent cut in city taxes was discussed this week in the event a use tax and sales tax are adopted in August.

The matter was brought up by Councilman Nick Drule. Mayor Albert Isen stated that he was in accord with such a move.

The Council will not act in the matter till August.

## UNION REFUSED AT SHELL

Two groups of workers opposed union affiliation at the Torrance plant of Shell Chemical Corp. Elections were conducted by the National Labor Relations board.

Production workers voted 183 against either of two unions on the ballot.

The CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union received 125 votes and the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501, 33 votes. Approximately 386 were eligible to vote.

Maintenance workers voted 128 against either the AFL Metal Trades Union or the CIO Oil Workers Union.

The metal trades union received 67 votes and the oil workers union 57.

About 260 were eligible to vote in the maintenance group. Results of both elections were announced Friday by the NLRB.

## Police Alerted To Hot Rodders

Police will be on the lookout for hot-rodgers racing in the vicinity of Clearsite and Suzanna in the Allied Gardens area. Sgt. D. C. Cook of the juvenile bureau announced this week.

Hot-rodgers have been observed racing in the area every afternoon and on week-ends.

## Another Dog Dies of Rabies

Health Department officials this week appealed to all dog owners to have their pets immunized against rabies as the outbreak of the disease reached epidemic proportions.



DR. THIENES Urges Rabies Law.

"This urgent recommendation applies to every pooch in Los Angeles county, including Torrance," Cliff Harvey, chief of communicable disease inspectors announced.

Even as the alert was sounded, another dog was found to be rabid in North Torrance, where only a few weeks ago four dogs died of rabies and 17 individuals were subjected to painful, dangerous Pasteur treatment.

A public hearing for discussing the pros and cons of a proposed compulsory rabies vaccination ordinance for dogs will be held Tuesday night, July 12, at 8 p.m., according to action taken by the Torrance City Council this week.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, corner Cravens and El Prado.

The Council has set July 26 as the date for voting on the issue.

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## Lions Hear Dr. Thienes On Rabies

"I have nothing to gain from a compulsory rabies law except the safety of my grandchildren and the members of my family. I have no money to make out of this. I am simply, let us say, a crusader!"

With this dramatic statement, Dr. Clinton H. Thienes began his remarks in favor of compulsory rabies vaccinations for dogs in an address before the Torrance Lions club Tuesday.

Among other things, Dr. Thienes is the director of the Institute of Medical Research of the Huntington hospital in Pasadena and the president of the Citizens Committee for Better Health, the group which spearheaded the Los Angeles attempt for such a law.

**Prevalent Among Dogs**  
Rabies is an infectious disease which can affect all mammals. Dr. Thienes stated. While it does affect other animals besides dogs, the incidence of rabies is nearly ten times more among dogs, which constitute half of all the rabies cases in the United States. Cats are not as readily affected, Dr. Thienes said.

The noted scientist scored the inconsistencies of those who oppose a compulsory rabies law. "Viruses (like polio, measles, and flu viruses) are real things, and the rabies virus is a real thing despite what the opponents have said," Dr. Thienes stated.

"All opponents, from Estelle Taylor down said at the outset of the Los Angeles campaign

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## HOPPER ISSUE SETTLED

The controversy over the location of the Torrance Sand and Gravel hopper was settled Tuesday night when the City Council accepted an investigation committee's recommendation that the hopper be set back 225 feet.

Councilman Willys Blount was the only councilman to oppose this.

The firm may go ahead with its cement-mixing operations as soon as the hopper is moved.

A number of conflicting sentiments were expressed by residents who attended Tuesday night's meeting. Some wanted the hopper set back even further while others did not want the Council to grant an ordinance under any circumstances.

City Engineer Ronald Bishop pointed out that the hopper could not be set back too far because the land starts to slope and the hopper would be even more visible.

Only 10 feet of the hopper will be visible now. If at all, it was pointed out. The hopper is 69 feet high.

## FOUR MORE WEEKS IN PRESS PHOTO CONTEST

"The Pilgrim," a highly dramatic picture photographed by 22-year-old Joe Ulrich of 1529 W. 221st st., is the second week's finalist in the Torrance Press Photo contest.

Ulrich discovered his subject while driving down Vermont avenue one day where the old man was walking along. The amateur photographer asked him to pose for him, and with the help of a piece of cloth, the above resulted.

There are four more weeks remaining in the annual photo contest, with a finalist to be announced each week.

Entries for next week's judging must be in the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens avenue by 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 27.

**Prizes**

At the end of the contest, the following six prizes will be given away:

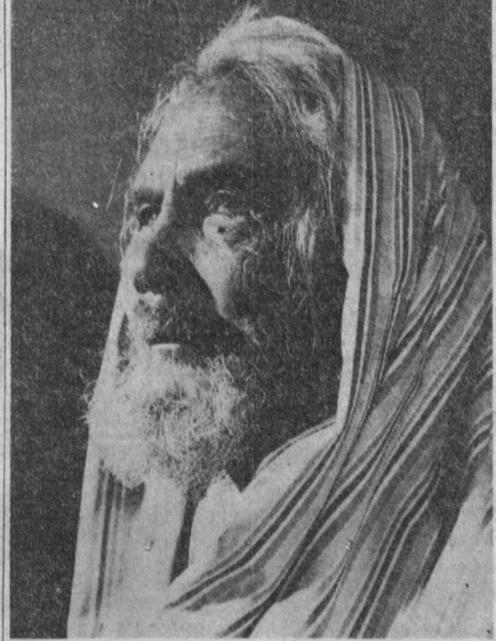
First place, \$50 cash awarded by the Torrance Press.

Second place, A Kodak De-Luxe Duo-Flex Camera kit worth \$31.95, awarded by A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori.

Third place, \$15 in photographic supplies given by Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post avenue.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth place, a \$5 cash prize each, donated by Photo Arts, A-1 Photo Service, and the Torrance Press.

**Requirements**  
The following information should be submitted with the picture: Name, age, address, and telephone number of the individual taking the picture; (Turn to Page 19)



FINALIST FOR THIS WEEK: "The Pilgrim" by Joe Ulrich, 22, 1529 W. 221st st. Shot with Graflex Model D at f8 1/50 sec.

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